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1. The take-off runway at the Dresden-Klotzsche airfield which is currently under construction is to have a total length of 3,600 meters. 2,500 meters of this length will be 250 meters wide; the remainder will be only 70 meters wide. The take-off runway is to extend to the swampy area known as Seiferts Teich. In the swampy area the runway base (Packlage) will be 1.20 meters deep.

2. About 500 prisoners are working on the take-off runway construction project. They are employed in systematically draining the swampy area.

3. Seven large halls or buildings are under construction at the Dresden-Klotzsche airfield. Work on leveling the ground has been completed.

4. On about 10 August 1955, leading and responsible functionaries at the construction site held a meeting at which a high-ranking Volkspolizei officer made a speech exhorting all persons employed on the project to work industriously and at the same time to maintain a high quality of work. He stated that this was especially necessary since the heaviest type airplanes[1] would be using the halls and the take-off runway. These airplanes, the officer stated, would not only serve for civilian traffic and air transport between East Germany and friendly countries, but would also serve for the defense of East Germany in cooperation with the air forces of other friendly nations. The officer further stated that these aircraft were to be constructed in the halls which are now being built, and that a comprehensive and technically excellent program for the construction of the planes is planned.

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